

AMG-13 TSTCore Update

17 July 1996







- Events Calendar
- Working Group Activities and Plans
- API Review
- Evolution of the HLA
- RTI Development
- Standards Organizations (DIS, IETF)
- FOM Development Tools
- HLA Security
- HLA Tech Library and the Home Page
- Prospective AMG dates for the two-year transition period





Events Calendar

Since last AMG meeting:

- 12-13 June 96 AMG-12

- 13 June 96 I/F Spec v0.5 release

- 28 June 96 RTI v0.33 release

Upcoming Events:

17-18 July 96 AMG-1321-22 August 96 AMG-14

16-20 Sept 96
 TBD
 AMG-15 (Tentative)

- 2-6 December 96 I/ITSEC





- AMG-13 (17-18 July)
 - Rules v1.0 (draft) review
 - draft release 9 July; comments requested by 15 July
 - OMT v1.0 (draft) review
 - draft release 9 July to OMTWG; OMTWG met 11 July
 - I/F v0.5 review
 - . IFWG met 25-26 June
 - acceptable services (v1.0), ready for AMG review
 - plan for consideration of services still under discussion, primarily declaration managment
 - I/F Spec Review Group meets 23-24 July
 - IFWG review of v1.0 draft by 9 August
 - draft release 14 August
- AMG-14 (21-22 August)
 - Complete Version 1.0 final review and approval





I/F Spec Working Group

- Draft I/F Spec v0.5 released on 14 June 1996
- WG met 25-26 June 1996, reviewed comments on v0.5
- IF Version 1.0 Schedule
 - Brief AMG-13 on 17 July 1996
 - DMSO I/F Review Team (including SEI independent review) 23-24 July and 31 July-1 Aug 1996
 - Draft v1.0 to AMG by 14 August 1996
 - AMG-14 approve release of v1.0, 22 August 1996
- Only major change anticipated between v0.5 and v1.0 is Declaration Management



OMT Working Group



- OMTWG-9 (19 June)
 - Review protofederation feedback
 - Identify open issues/action items
 - Assign responsibilities
- OMT v1.0 Draft released 9 July for review by OMTWG
- OMTWG-10 (11 July)
- AMG-13 (17-18 July)
 - OMT v1.0 released to AMG for review
- DMSO OMT review (including SEI independent review) 2 Aug 1996
- AMG-14 (21-22 Aug) approve release of v1.0





Test Working Group Update

- Draft Interface Test Procedures, version 0.2, dated 4
 May 1996 available on the web
- Draft OMT Test Procedures, version 0.1, dated 9 July 1996 available on the web
 - Procedures for SOM and FOM testing
 - Comments/Feedback Requested
- Next version of Interface and OMT procedures due September 5



API Review



- At AMG-12, AMG agreed to
 - Incorporate API in I/F Spec as part of baseline
 - Use IDL to represent API
 - Work to ensure API Version 1.0 is implementation independent
- SEI is conducting independent review of I/F Spec, including API, to support review and revision of API for Version 1.0 release
- IFWG recommends API be presented in a separate section of the I/F Spec
 - Automated version will allow for linkages between functional spec and API for convenience of developers
- Evolution of API (high priority for first revision of HLA Baseline)
 - Form an API Group
 - Identify issues and options and conduct experimentation as required to support revised API specification







- Result of
 - 9 month DARPA BAA/PET process and
 - 16 month AMG review and prototyping process
 - 25+ federates, 8+ federations, range of applications
- Baseline includes
 - Version 1.0 of HLA Rules, Interface Specification, and Object Model Template
- Substantially better architectural definition than typical paper review process
 - However, this is a "baseline" definition which will mature and evolve
 - Recognized areas for further attention include
 - . API
 - Time Management
 - Declaration Management







- A two year transition period focusing on
 - Transition new and ongoing simulation programs to use HLA
 - Developing reusable infrastructure and support tools
 - Maturing and evolving the architecture
- Six month review and update cycles

- HLA Version 1.0 August 96

- HLA Version 1.1 February 97

- HLA Version 1.2 August 97

- HLA Version 1.3 February 98

- Evolution will be managed via the ongoing AMG process with expanded participation from programs transitioning to HLA and external professional and standards organizations
- Continued AMG working/task groups
 - OMTWG, IFWG, TMWG, DMWG, APIWG (new)
- Relationships with IEEE DIS++ organization will mature during transition period





HLA Evolution: Working Group Tasks

- Assess the current state of the HLA Baseline Definition
- Identify specific areas needing attention and key issues to be addressed
- Need to provide a mechanism for input from programs as they transition to HLA
- Develop process for identifying options for addressing issues
 - To include prototype implementation and testing
 - IEC to serve as a focal point for HLA evolution
- Recommend added technology investigations as required







- RTI version 0.33x is in use; last release in the 0.X series
 - Prototype to support baseline definition
 - Provided lessons learned to RTI implementation and performance requirements
 - No plans for further evolution of the 0.X series





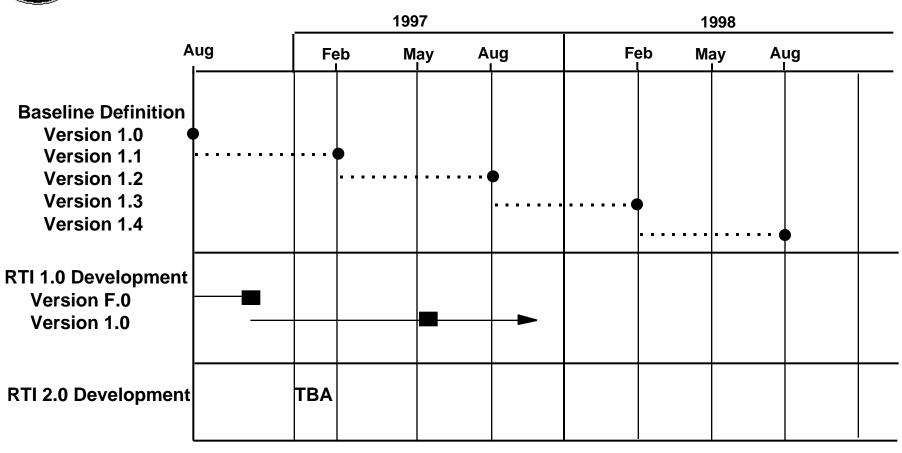


Two releases are envisioned for the RTI 1.0 Series:

- F.0: Familiarization (breadboard) version
 - Targeted for Fall 96
 - Will support HLA Version 1.0 Baseline (including API v1.0)
 - Will incorporate as much functionality as possible but with limited performance
 - Will provide a working capability for initial use and a breadboard for experimentation
- 1.0: Government Shareware
 - Targeted for Spring 97
 - Will support HLA Version 1.1 (including API v1.1)
 - Added performance



Milestones During Two Year Transition







DIS-15 Proposed Plans

- DIS-15 to take place 16-20 September in Orlando
- Planned sessions include a number of HLA presentations

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Morning	HLA Tech Brief	Arch Forum/ Broad Interest	DIS++ Workshop Vision	DIS WGs	Closing Session
Afternoon	Plenary	Protofed Test Brief	Conference Papers	DIS WGs	Transition Team
Evening	SIG/FG	SIG/FG	SIG/FG	open	

DMSO-organized Session on HLA

HLA-related Session

HLA Supporting Standards





- Formed in 1986 to Standardize Protocols Used by the Internet Infrastructure
- Key Part of Larger Internet Structure that Includes:
 - Internet Engineering Steering Group (IESG)
 - Internet Architecture Board (IAB)
 - Internet Society (ISOC)
 - Internet Research Task Force (IRTF)
- All Volunteer. 1000-2000 per Meeting.
- Meets Three Times a Year (US, Canada, & Europe)
- Wide Ranging Participants. Heavily Populated with Suppliers (e.g. Router Vendors)



Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF)

- New Working Group Formed at June Meeting in Montreal
 - Investigate Large Area Multicast Environments
 - Driving Application is Distributed Real-Time Simulation
 - Spearheaded by DIS Communications Architecture and HLA Personnel
- Two Products from New Group
 - Document Describing Scenarios & Protocols for Large Scale Distributed Real-Time Simulations
 - Document Identifying Needed Internet Multicast Services to Support Large Scale Distributed Real-Time Simulations on the Internet





FOM Development Toolset (FDT)

- Design Reviews completed
 - TASC (14 June)
 - AEgis Research (2 July)
 - OMT Data Interchange Formet (DIF) is most significant open issue
- Partial on-line demonstration at AMG-14 (21-22 August)
- FDT Delivery (including documentation) by early October





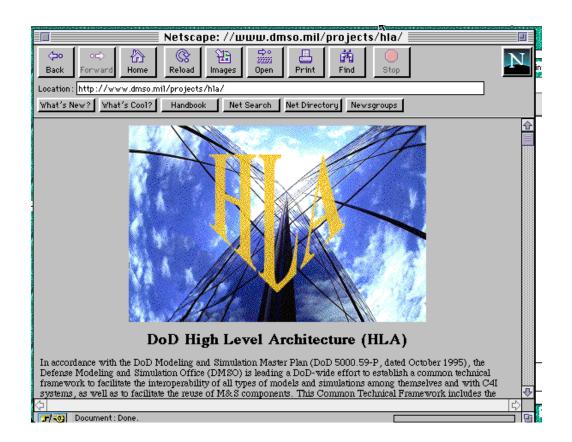


- Following AMG-12, small group review was held at DMSO to clarify aspects of emerging HLA Security Architecture
- As requested at AMG-12, security tech exchange will be held at end os AMG-13 Day One.





- HLA Technical Library has been implemented as framework for the HLA home page.
- Accessible through http://www.dmso.mil/









The following dates are postulated for continuation of the AMG meetings during the two-year HLA transition period:

AMG-15 9-10 Oct 96

AMG-16 11-12 Dec 96

AMG-17 12-13 Feb 97 (HLA 1.1)

AMG-18 9-10 Apr 97

AMG-19 12-13 Jun 97

AMG-20 13-14 Aug 97 (HLA 1.2)

AMG-21 8-9 Oct 97

AMG-22 10-11 Dec 97

AMG-23 11-12 Feb 98 (HLA 1.3)

AMG-24 8-9 Apr 98

AMG-25 10-11 Jun 98

AMG-26 13-14 Aug 98 (HLA 1.4)